

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for preventing access to an electronic media object, comprising:
 - analyzing at least one of audio and image information associated with said electronic media object; and
 - preventing a user from accessing said electronic media
- 10 object if said analyzing step determines that said electronic media object contains one or more predefined inappropriate content items.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of storing a user profile indicating the Internet browsing privileges of a user.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said user profile indicates categories of content that a user may access.
4. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of comparing said electronic media object to said Internet browsing privileges of a user.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of performing speech recognition on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes one or more predefined stop words.
- 30 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of performing image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes nudity.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said nudity is determined by identifying human skin.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of performing image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes sexually explicit images.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of performing image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes violent images.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic media object is obtained from a network connection.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic media object is generated in real-time by a camera.

12. A system for preventing access to an electronic media object, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory (110),

said processor configured to:

analyze at least one of audio and image information associated with said electronic media object; and

prevent a user from accessing said electronic media object if said analyzing step determines that said electronic media object contains one or more predefined inappropriate content items.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said processor is further configured to store a user profile indicating the Internet browsing privileges of a user.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein said user profile indicates categories of content that a user may access.

15. The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is further configured to compare said electronic media object to said Internet browsing privileges of a user.

16. The system of claim 12, wherein said processor is further configured to perform speech recognition on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes one or more predefined stop words.

17. The system of claim 12, wherein said processor is further configured to perform image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes nudity.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said nudity is determined by identifying human skin.

19. The system of claim 12, wherein said processor is further configured to perform image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes sexually explicit images.

20. The system of claim 12, wherein said processor is further configured to perform image processing on said electronic media object to determine if said electronic media object includes violent images.

21. The system of claim 12, wherein said electronic media object is obtained from a network connection.

5 22. The system of claim 12, wherein said electronic media object is generated in real-time by a camera.

23. An article of manufacture for preventing access to an electronic media object, comprising:

10 a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to analyze at least one of audio and image information associated with said electronic media object; and

a step to prevent a user from accessing said electronic media object if said analyzing step determines that said electronic media object contains one or more predefined inappropriate content items.

24. A system for preventing access to an electronic media object, comprising:

means for analyzing at least one of audio and image information associated with said electronic media object; and

25 means for preventing a user from accessing said electronic media object if said analyzing step determines that said electronic media object contains one or more predefined inappropriate content items.